

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 10/26/05 and 1/30/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 5,7,9,15,17,19 and 21.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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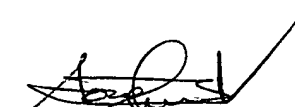
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Kent Edward Kmett on January 27, 2006.

Claims 23 – 26 and 28 - 32 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5, 7, 9, 15, 17, 19 and 21 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for indication of allowable subject matter.

The prior art fails to teach, or suggest, the limitations of:

"when said receiver receives the ending instruction from the user" (as in independent Claims 5, 7 and 9,); or

"when the ending instruction is received from the user in said receiving step" (as in independent Claims 15, 17, 19 and 21).

Such limitation is present in all independent claims.

It is well known in the art for scheduling devices to notify a user of "a pending task to be performed by the user within a predetermined timeframe". For example, a user seeking to be notified within a predetermined timeframe of a pending task to be

performed by the user, such as attendance at a meeting, could set an alarm on a scheduling device to notify said user.

Furthermore, it is well known in the art for a person to search for pending tasks relevant to the inferred destination of the user and to search for pending tasks relevant to the person with whom the user is scheduled to meet. For example, a user seeking to apply basic time management concepts, such as grouping like activities together, would search his schedule for pending tasks to take place in the same location and group said activities into one trip, minimizing travel to said same location at different times.

The instant application distinguishes from these common practices by having the notification of pending tasks and searching for pending tasks conditional on the receipt of an ending instruction from the user.

Huemoeller (US Patent 5,855,006) discloses a method/system for managing a personal activity schedule including the ability to search pending tasks using a "find" function and to establish a predetermined timeframe for notification of a pending task using an "alarm" function. Neither this patent, alone nor in combination with others, disclose nor teach the feature of having the notification of pending tasks nor the search for pending tasks conditional on the receipt of an ending instruction from the user.

Furthermore, Anonymous (Anonymous. Organizing Your Work Gets More Done In Less Time. Profit-Building Strategies For Business Owners. Scarsdale. vol. 22, iss. 12. December 1999. p. 8) discloses a method of time management in which a user collects "similar tasks and do[es] them all in a single setting." (see p. 8) . This system requires that an applicant seeking to obtain a secured loan present title to the collateral

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for the loan. Neither this non-patent literature, alone nor in combination with others, alone nor in combination with others, disclose nor teach the feature of having the notification of pending tasks nor the search for pending tasks conditional on the receipt of an ending instruction from the user.

Lastly, Scully (EPO 276424 A2) discloses a method/system for managing a personal activity schedule including the ability to search pending tasks using a "search criteria" function and to establish a predetermined timeframe for notification of a pending task using an "reminder" function. Neither this foreign patent, alone nor in combination with others, disclose nor teach the feature of having the notification of pending tasks nor the search for pending tasks conditional on the receipt of an ending instruction from the user.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jason M. Borlinghaus whose telephone number is (571) 272-6924. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30am-5:00pm M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hyung Sough can be reached on (571) 272-6799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status

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